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SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, if Senator Bromm would yield, I do have a concern about this bill. I do remember debating this, I believe on General File. I had an amendment at one time on page 7 to strike, on line 9, strikes the words "one year after" and insert the word "on". I...we ended up not pursuing that. It was...I was concerned about the financial obligations that this compact might have for the state. I do realize that no project can be entered into if we enter in this compact without the members agreeing to it, but the expenses of the compact itself, I wanted to make sure what we were opening ourselves up for, especially in light of the statute on page 7, line 9, referring that we can't even leave the compact unless we wait one year after the effective date of such a repealing statute. And, Senator Bromm, as a courtesy to me, I don't exactly remember your response to these concerns, I remember my concerns. I remember supporting it on to Select, but could you review for us just to make sure some...what were the assurances given, Senator Bromm, at that time? Because, again, I don't want to enter into a compact of which we can't even leave immediately upon choosing to, and I was concerned about the financial exposure to the state. If you would please refresh us.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR HILGERT: Indulge me, Senator.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Senator Hilgert. Yeah, I'll certainly try to respond. When this question was raised earlier, we had some discussion. I pointed out that we could not change the actual words of the compact and still have a compact, so...

SENATOR HILGERT: Right.

SENATOR BROMM: ...our hands were...were pretty much tied in making an amendment to the actual compact. We...we, according to what we've been able to determine so far, in the very near future and until a project would be actually approved it's expected that the annual costs would be no more than what we're